

## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

:DECISION GRANTING PETITION

:UNDER 37 CFR 1.378(c)

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March 26,2009 This is a decision on the electronic petition, filed ,under 37 CFR 1.378(c) to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of the 3.5 year maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

March 26,2009 The maintenance fee is accepted, and the above-identified patent reinstated as of This decision also constitutes notice that the fee has been accepted. An electronic copy of the petition and this decision has been created as an entry in the Image File Wrapper. Nevertheless, petitioner should print and retain an independent copy.

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